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Information on military supply shipments that arrived from the USSR in March 1954 shows a considerable increase which is reflected in the following tabulation:

	March 1954	March 1953	Monthly Average in 1953	Monthly Average in 1952
	carloads	carloads	carloads	carloads
a. Vital Items of Supply				
Ammunition	426	177	168	265
Fuel	22	9	32	55
Motor vehicles	136	55	128	
Signal equipment	22 (?)	3		
Tank spare parts	248	59	98	171
Ration supply	1,483 3	93	76	(including tanks) 47
Clothing	68			3
Unidentified military goods	253	96		
b. Total Supply 4	2,740	637	726	1,665

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The monthly average is based on the average of the months from January up to and including September, as reports during the last three months in 1953 were incomplete.

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Thirty-four of the carloads mentioned were previously reported under the shipment record number series valid in 1953 and may have arrived as early as December 1953 or January 1954.

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25X1 272 carloads of those mentioned have also been reported under shipment-record number series valid in 1953 which indicates, that this amount of supply may have arrived in the preceding months.

25X1 This figure contains items of supply not mentioned in the above tabulation.

The volume of ration supply has reached an all-time high. The about 1,500 carloads would be adequate for 28 days' requirements for all troops in the GDR. It cannot be determined whether the increase in the ammunition supply was caused by an increased consumption during the firing practices or whether it was connected with stock-piling purposes. The supply of tank spare parts which was also very high cannot yet be interpreted. Repair work at the workshops has not been intensified, nor did the number of tanks turned in for complete overhaul increase. The 169 carloads of motor vehicles were consigned almost exclusively to Strausberg-Stadt. The shipments probably consisted of truck chassis for the equipment and motor vehicle depot of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. See Trans Letter No 110, paragraphs c and f.

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